

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021 9:00 am Mass

Monday Aug. 2nd NO MASS

Tuesday Aug. 3rd 9:00 am

Wednesday, Aug. 4th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 6th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 7th, 4 p.m.

Reconciliation by appointment

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you, your love ones, or any deceased or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

LECTORS SERVING IN AUGUST

Saturday's/ one reader

July 31st - Freda Guillory

Aug. 7th - Peggy Green

Aug. 14th - Mona Richard

Aug. 21st - Leo Jackson

Aug. 28th - Gary Mims

Sunday's/ one reader

Aug. 1st - Eva Platt

Aug. 8th - Horace Broussard

Aug. 15th - Tina Kindle

Aug. 22nd - Cindy Hampton

Aug. 29th - Freda Guillory

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Aug. 1 - Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 8:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Mt 4:4b Jn 6:24-35

Mon. Aug. 2 - Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 4:4 Mt 14:13-21

Tues. Aug. 3 - Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 Jn 1:49b Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed. Aug. 4 - Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 Lk 7:16 Mt 15: 21-28

Thurs. Aug. 5 - Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 16:18 Mt 16:13-23

Fri. Aug. 6 - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 7:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:5c Mk 9:2-10

Sat. Aug. 7 - Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51 2 Tm 1:10 Mt 17:14-20

**August Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Jill Mosby	1
Marina Taylor	1
Lauren Jackson	2
Christopher Henry	4
David Thomas III	6
Dorothy Jacobs	10
Gloria Richard	11
Veronica Warren	11
Walter Davis	15
Tyler Rodriguez	15
Mary Lazenby	17
Morgan Jackson	19
Reginald Kindle	23
Patrick Mims	27
John Riggs Sr.	28
Horace Broussard	29

Happy Anniversary

Carroll & Mable Durio	
57 years	5th
Patrick & Brenda Mims	
47 years	18th
John & Tammy Richard	12th

**Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : 17,049.**

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities	* Brushelle Scott
BINGO	* Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal	* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
Bereavement Committee	* Rose Bottley
Director of Youth Ministry	*Deacon Melvin Payne
Assistant Director of Youth	* Jada Semien
Donut Sunday's	* Freda Guillory
Environmental	* Ina Chavis
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	* Dorothy Broussard
Finance	* Janice Semien
Fund Raiser	* Walter Davis
Hospitality	* Horace Broussard
Lectors	* Peggy Green
Life Center	* Adam Jacobs
Maintenance	* Joseph Ware Sr.
Mission/Retreat	* Cecilia Davis
Music Director	* Leo Jackson
Pastoral Council	* Lester Popillion
Stewardship	* Gary Mims

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: Sun: 33

Collection

Saturday	\$ 37.00
Sunday	<u>\$ 1,907.00</u>

Total Deposit \$ 1,944.00

Expenses paid out

Spectrum	<\$ 139.33>
Entergy	<\$ 1, 268.31>
Advance Systems	<\$ 92.01>

St. Therese Catholic Church

Established in 1924; Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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Office Hours
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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**The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
August 1, 2021**

"The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world"



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday

9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays

3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Tuesday of each month

5:30 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament

every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the Pastor two months prior to desired date of baptism

Marriage:

Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Real Thing

Not too long ago, a soda company proclaimed that its product was the “real thing.” A successful advertising gimmick, but just a tad presumptuous, don’t you think? Today’s readings proclaim the Real thing, and our sharing at the Table of the Lord is the Real thing. No gimmicks here.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 78:3–4, 23–24, 25, 54
SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20–24 GOSPEL: John 6:24–35

Comment

Things were not going that well for the Israelites. They had asked God for rescue from Egypt, and God had obliged. But things in the desert were tough. And, as was Israel’s wont when things got tough, they began to whine. Once again, God graciously obliged, sending them quail and manna—bread from heaven. Even then, the people weren’t satisfied. “What’s this stuff?” they grumbled. God was testing their faith again. Would they recognize and accept God’s gift? Luckily there was someone in their midst whose eyes were open. Moses pointed out that the manna was the answer to their prayers.

The Gospel is a continuation of the sixth chapter of John, which begins the discourse on the Bread of Life. The folks who seek out Jesus are led to him not by faith but by their stomachs. They did not understand that the eating of the bread was a sign of a much greater partaking. Simply put, they were hungry, and they wanted bread. Jesus tried to move the crowd to recognize a deeper hunger. He spoke to them of lasting bread, bread that nourishes not just for life, but for life eternal. To their credit, the crowd took Jesus’ bait. Figuring that they had to do some “work” to get that bread, they asked what they had to do. Believe, Jesus said.

The folks didn’t expect this response, so they asked for a sign like manna to earn their faith. Jesus reminded them that manna was but perishable bread, while the bread he offered had an eternal “shelf life.” Still not understanding, the people jumped at his offer. Then Jesus delivered the punch line: “I myself am the bread of life.” And the people? They still did not recognize that the one for whom they’d been asking for centuries was standing before them.

Reflection

It was a Friday, almost forty years ago. Mom, the regular cook of the family, was out. Dad was at the stove. Knowing it was Friday (meatless in those days) we kids had badgered Dad to fix something simple, something good, something everyone would eat—pancakes.

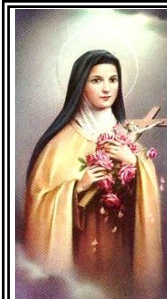
As we plunked ourselves down at the table, things boded well. After grace, Dad sauntered over to the stove. Then, from above each of our heads, Dad kerplopped something onto our plates. We sat in shock. It was puffy, brown-flecked, and bigger than our plates. No one said anything. Then, Dad put one of those UFOs (Unidentified Fried Objects) on his own plate, sat down, and reached for the butter and syrup. We just sat.

At last, the youngest, the dumbest, or perhaps the bravest among us, spoke up. “What is it?” My father looked up from his plate and scanned his brood with a frazzled look that seemed to ask, “Are these knuckleheads really mine?” Then, shaking his head, he replied, “It is just what you asked for. It is a pancake. You wanted pancakes. I made pancakes. Eat the pancakes.” We ate. Dad was right. It was a pancake. The real thing.

Like the Israelites in the desert some four thousand years ago, like the crowds who followed Jesus some two thousand years ago, and like the kids who sat around a kitchen table some forty years ago, we keep making the same mistake. We ask for bread, but fail to recognize it when we get it. This Sunday, when someone presents you with bread and says, “The Body of Christ,” remember, this is the bread you’ve been asking for. Believe it. This bread is the real thing.

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander
Mary Brown
Courtney Chavis
David J. Carey
Leon Cross
Lawrence Gant
Hollis Fain
Beatrice Guillory
Ella Mae Garrett
Mary Gray
Margaret Green
Mark Mitchell Jr.
Betty Odom
Westley Papillion
Gloria Richard
Mormon Richard
Rosa Scott
Alma C Thibodeaux
Daniel Ware



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Theresita's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Theresita a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers
Carroll Durio
Mable Durio
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
Sanja Popillion
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Tiffany Winphrey

ATTENTION YOUTH

The Sonja Popillion Youth Ministry of St. Therese will begin meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month (starting Sunday August 8th, 2021) after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. All youth, 9 years old and older are invited and encouraged to attend. Meetings to be held in the Education Building.

Youth Ministry Director, Deacon Melvin Payne:
Email: melbeve@att.net or call 409-351-4051 for any questions.

Every St. Therese parishioner is encouraged to bring their child, grandchild, great grandchild, child of a friend or a youth from the community to the first meeting of August 8th

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Catholic Men's Conference August 21, 2021 7am - 3:30 pm St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Orange, TX register online @ ChristInYou.info

"What does it mean to truly live the Catholic Faith as a man in every area of life? The answer, on a practical level, really depends on where you are in your journey.

That's why, for this conference we're drilling down into the practical lessons of living our vocation as Fathers, Husbands, Sons, and Disciples.

Regardless of where you are in your life, we are going to give you a little something new that you've never thought of before. And it might just transform your life."

Vespers with Bishop Toups

All young adults are invited to Vespers/Prayer with Bishop Toups, with a Social Hour to follow:
September 10, 2021 - October 22, 2021 - November 19, 2021

All begin at 6:00pm at St Anthony Cathedral Basilica

Charismatic Renewal at St. Anne Catholic Church on September 11, 2021

"The Charismatic Renewal invites all to rediscover our freedom ! Let us again enjoy fellowship at St. Anne's Catholic Church Hall, on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 9 am till noon.

We are having a Renewal, with Bishop David Toups teaching and leading us in understanding the Impact of the Charismatic Renewal on the Catholic Church. Save the date and plan to join us in a thanksgiving celebration of all our blessings. We ask for your prayers, for a successful Renewal and for all ministries in our Diocese."